

The Church in the Westlands

**St Andrew's
Anglican Church**



**St Peter's
Methodist Church**

As the Church in the Westlands

we are committed in the power of the Holy Spirit that our worship, service and witness will demonstrate to everyone the love of Jesus Christ

*A very warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.
After the main morning service, in both churches, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments which are held in St Andrew's Church Hall and St Peter's Room 2.*

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 18th August

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Peter Davies

Trinity 9
8.00 am

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Revd Peter Davies
Colossians 3:1-17 (p1185)
Mark 12:28-34 (p1023)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Local Arrangement
Deuteronomy 6:1-7 (p169)
John 10:7-21 (p131)

United Evening Prayer
Jane Machin

6.30 pm

A Prayer for the Renewal of our Church

In quietness we still our hearts and draw near to God in prayer. We bring to God the communities of which we are a part, at home, in our streets, our work, social groups, and the church. We pray for the renewing of our church, that God would restore our fortunes and make us effective for his kingdom. Almighty God, give us opportunity to live the good news of your kingdom every day of our lives. Holy Spirit, calm our fears, equip our lives and inspire us to declare the wonders of Jesus, for his mighty name's sake. **Amen.**

Collect

*Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

	Tuesday, 20th August	
Morning Prayer	9.00 am - 9.30 am	St Andrew's Church
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 25th August	St Peter's Church
	<i>Trinity 10</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		
Morning Prayer & Baptism	10.30 am	Morning Worship
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		<i>Mr Ryan Davies</i>
United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>		

Homegroups Will Be Re-Starting ... on 10th/11th/12th September, beginning a new course entitled 'Real Prayer'. For St Andrew's this fits in with our current Mission Action Plan main focusses on developing our prayer lives. We very much hope that some will give home groups a try for the first time, or after a break. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church, or speak to Helen Swanborough (NB groups continue on 24th/25th/26th September; 8th/9th/10th and 22rd/23rd/24th October; 12th/13th/14th and 26th/27th/28th November, 14th/15th/16th and 28th/29th/30th January).

St Andrew's Grounds Maintenance Work Party... will be on Saturday, 7th September from 9.30 am. There are jobs for all skill levels, please do join us if you can to help keep our site looking tidy.

Also... we are grateful to a number of individuals who continue to take responsibility for keeping different sections of the church grounds in good order, and are looking for others to join them. Please see Helen Collins for more information

An All Age Summer Picnic ... is scheduled for Saturday, 31st August 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm - in church grounds; bring your own picnic; drinks and ice creams provided. Bouncy castle. More details to follow.

St Andrew's Accounts for 2018 ... have now been signed off by our examiner Richard Booth. There is a copy at the back of church or on www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk/admin/ We are very grateful to Richard and to Steve Forrester, our treasurer for their work on these.

Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford ... has announced his retirement. A farewell service to celebrate the good things happening across North Staffordshire in churches and their communities, and to express our thanks to Geoff and his wife Ann, will be held in Stoke Minster on Sunday, 24th November at 4.00 pm.

St Andrew's Annual Stewardship Statements ... are now available at the back of St Andrew's church. For data protection reasons, the envelopes will be available only at church services. Thank you to all who give regularly through Stewardship. (NB St Peter's members who contribute to the Children & Family Worker Fund will find their statements in St Peter's post rack.) Please let me know if you find any errors. If anyone is interested to join the scheme, or has any questions about giving or Gift Aid, please contact Alan Swanborough.

Church of England Communion Practices and Infection ... the medical advice is that the use of alcoholic wine, combined with careful wiping of the cup, means that the risk of transmitting infection to other recipients is minimal. In the past those with known infections have sometimes been encouraged to receive the wine by intinction (retaining the wafer to dip

in the cup). These days, however this is not generally recommended, as an infected person's hands may well contain even more germs. Those with a real concern about infecting others are encouraged instead just to receive the wafer - as Cof E teaching has always been that the grace of receiving the sacrament is not dependent on receiving in both kinds. Those who wish to continue, on occasions, to practice intinction are not barred from doing so; but are asked to be among the very last to come for communion, as the dipping of a wafer in the cup can transmit gluten to those with coeliac disease who subsequently drink from it.

Action for Children ... Marion and Carol Reddish would like to thank everyone who over the years has supported Action for Children so well. We would want this good work to continue and so if you feel you could have a house collection box to put your loose change in we would be very pleased to hear from you. It is surprising how quickly small amounts of loose change on regular basis mount up, so please think about supporting this Methodist organisation.

St Andrew's Prayer Board ... is situated as you enter church on the right by the Memorial Chapel and is available for people to write their own request for prayer. The encouragement is for others to read what is on the board to inform their own prayers; and the concerns mentioned will also be brought before God in prayer at our mid-week services

St Andrew's Church Opening ... will resume on Wednesday, 4th September when the schools have re-started.

St Peter's Church Council ... the date of the next meeting has had to be changed. It will now be on Thursday, 17th October at 10.00 am and not Thursday, 10th October.

A Time for Silence and Contemplation ... Do you find that your life is more Martha than Mary? Is that possibly what stops you getting closer to God? Then join us for a time of quiet contemplative prayer in the old Circuit Office, Newcastle Methodist Church and experience the use of silence as a way of going deeper with God; as a way of reflecting on your journey and as a way of listening to God. Tuesday, 3rd September 6.45pm for a 7.00 pm start. Entrance off the car park through the church. Friday, 6th September 1.45 pm for a 2.00 pm start. Entrance off Merrial Street.

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Same contact details (or St Peter's letterbox which is on the wall next to the Pilkington Avenue door) for the next notice sheet (before 9 am on Thursday, please). Rest of week for St Peter's & Circuit Business: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk 01782 612648.

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